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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) NEV2004108 for the Llama Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for WPCP NEV2004108 is:

Eco Sol, LLC
Llama Project
P.O. Box 41111
Reno, NV 89504

The facility is located in Pershing County, within Township 29N, Range 35E, Section 31, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), is approximately 22 miles northeast of Lovelock and 24 miles south of Mill City, Nevada. Application materials submitted by Eco Sol, LLC, estimate a life expectancy between seven and ten years for the Llama Project. Annual throughput and total surface disturbance is limited to 150,000 tons of placer material and six acres respectively. A wet gravity separation process will be used to recover gold from placer material excavated on site. The facility is designed and constructed to operate and close without any discharge or release from the fluid management system except metrological events that exceed the design storm limit. Chemicals are not approved for use in the process and make-up water is recycled through the settling ponds for reuse.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the water pollution control permit, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than March 25, 2005, to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

This notice is for electronic distribution.

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit renewal information and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.